OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION, 1120

Tuesday, *the* — *20th March 1945* / *7th Meenam 1120*

The Council met in the Council Hall, Ernakulam, at half past eleven of the Clock with the Hon'ble the President (Sir George Boag, K.C.I.E., C.S.I.), in the Chair.

Messrs. H. J. Walmesley, A. T. Kunhipalu, Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan, T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar, C. N. Ittiravi Nambudiri, C. Kunhan Nambudiripad, K. Ashtamurthi Nambudiripad, and Joseph Pettah were absent.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

VETERINARY COMPOUNDERS RECRUITED TO SERVE IN THE LABOUR UNITS

294. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether any of the compounders working in the Veterinary Hospitals of our State have been recruited as compounders to serve the labour units sent to Assam and Ceylon;

(*b*) if so, the number of such compounders;

(*c*) the number of such veterinary compounders who had been with the labour units now repatriated and serving in (*i.*) Government Veterinary Hospitals and Dispensaries, (*ii.*) Government human hospitals and dispensaries;

(*d*) the number of such compounders (*i*) who have been given work in human hospitals and dispensaries on the State (*ii*) the number of those who applied for transfer for human hospitals ?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Eleven.

(*c*) *i.* Seven. *ii.* None.

(*d*) *i.* None. *ii.* four.

VETERINARY HOSPITAL IN KAKULISSERI—TIRUVANKULAM VILLAGE—NECESSITY FOR

295. Mr. Joseph Pettah *(Adur):* Will Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the need of a Veterinary Hospital in Kakkulisseri—Thiruvankulam Village area has ever been brought to the notice of the Government;

(*b*) whether the Government are aware that the nearest Veterinary Hospital now available to the people of those villages is 18 miles away from them;

(*c*) whether the Government have any information of the heavy mortality that is caused almost every year by cattle epidemics in the above villages ?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) There had been some loss of cattle in those places due to cattle epidemics.

SCINDHI HEIFER—OFFER TO PURCHASE

296. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

in continuation of the answer to supplementary question to question No. 120 (*b*) & (*c*) whether the written offer of Mr. Jos. K. Verghese or any letter requesting to purchase one particular Scindhi Heifer exhibited in the N.W.F. Exhibition in the Cherpu Rural Centre be placed on the Council Table ?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):*

No offer has been received.

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Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know whether the Hon'ble Minister will be pleased to inspect that office and find out whether there was any written offer received and the record has been destroyed.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* I do not find any real necessity because there is the report of the Departmental Head that no offer was received.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* I have personally assured.....

Mr. President: Order, order. The Hon'ble Member is not asking for information. The Hon'ble Member is entitled to put questions in order to elicit information.

BLACK-MARKETING OF COTTON YARN

297. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they have received stamped anonymous or pseudonymous petitions about the illicit transport and black-marketing of cotton yarn of 80 counts, etc., by the hand-loom weavers and traders of Kuthampilly, etc.;

(*b*) if answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, what steps were taken to ascertain the truth or otherwise of the allegation;

(*c*) what, if any, are the results and the final orders passed by Government?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise in view of (*a*).

(*c*) Do.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* May I know, Sir, whether the Government is aware of any petition being submitted to the Director of Industries as Controller of Yarn.

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government):* He has not received any petition.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Whether the Government is aware of any enquiry being couducted in Kuthampilli about the transport of yarn.

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M. B. E. *(Secretary to Government):* No. Not aware.

NEWSPAPER ARTICLE—CLOTH BLACK-MARKET

298. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they have come across the article in the "Jenmabhumi" "Cloth Black Market" in its issue, dated 15th Makaram 1120, page 1;

(*b*) if answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether they have been pleased to enquire into the various pointed allegations contained therein;

(*c*) what steps if any have been taken to remedy the evils complained of?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The statements made in the article are exaggerated. It is true that there is some difficulty in the matter of distribution of cloth. This is primarily due to the insufficiency of the quota allotted to the State and the difficulty in getting the desired varieties. When supply is short, it is impossible to ensure even distribution of one and the same variety, *e.g.*, Mettur Mull, to all retailers. Government are alive to the need for securing adequate supplies. They have already taken up the matter with the Textile Authorities in Bombay.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* May I know, Sir, whether the Government are aware that these wholesale dealers insist on retailers to purchase from them certain qualities of cloth which are not saleable anywhere along with other sailable cloth.

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M. B. E. *(Secretary to Government):* No.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Is the distribution of these between the wholesalers, equitably done or is any favour shown?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M. B. E. *(Secretary to Government):* No favouritism is allowed.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Is the Government aware that in the last distribution of cloth obtained from the Chitra Mills, probably the distribution was high in certain cases and very low in certain other cases?

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